

spending slumps and more families find themselves with a breadwinner without work.

What we need to get us out of this slump are policies aimed at helping employers create jobs. When employers create jobs and start hiring, the unemployed can get back to work and rejoin the ranks of the workers that make our Nation great.

And what kind of policies encourage employers to create jobs? Policies that reduce the burden of government mandates and keep the tax man from dipping too deep into the pockets of those who create jobs: small business owners. What we are talking about is cutting back the jungle of red tape and keeping taxes low for the entrepreneurs who always lead the way to economic recovery.

In 1802, Thomas Jefferson put it this way: "If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy." He was voicing a common insight into the tendency of government to quickly put burdensome mandates on entrepreneurs and job-creating small businesses under the guise of lending a helping hand. Today we know this syndrome as big government.

Unfortunately for the real engines of job creation in America, the Ways and Means Committee Democrats floated a massive tax hike in the past few days that will fall squarely on small business owners and entrepreneurs. Sure, they will market their \$540 billion tax increase as "a surtax" on "the wealthy." And you can bet your last dollar that anyone who dares to question this tax will be called a defender of the wealthy.

How about defending the small businesses that will help pull us out of the recession? How about looking out for innovators and risk takers whose ideas and products create jobs and grow our economy. These are the people who will be shelling out for this new \$540 billion tax. And they are the very same people who could be hiring the unemployed and creating jobs if we just give them the breathing room they need instead of hiking their taxes one more time.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, Eternal Lawgiver, we bless and praise You. Your very laws of nature form a balance of power and an orderly pattern for the study of science.

The blessed people of this Nation are those who choose each day to be law-abiding citizens, in business, in matters of justice, and even in traffic. Freedom is found and served when obeying the law is seen as preserving the common good and choosing a higher good rather than self-interest.

Good laws not only embody standards of behavior and ideals for us, they also unite us in an orderly pattern of living together and become a common endeavor for each of us to model freedom and responsibility for the rest of the world.

Therefore, Lord, guide and protect the lawmakers of this Nation. Preserve them from all illusions tied to their hopes and free them from prejudice which blinds anyone from equal justice.

By Your Spirit, work in and through the Members of the House of Representatives, that seeing their good work, all may give You glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOOZMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 13, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, The Capitol,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 13, 2009, at 9:14 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment, requests a conference with the House, and appoints conferees H.R. 2892.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk of the House.

REPORT ON H.R. 3183, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. OBEY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-203) on the bill (H.R. 3183) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

#### HONORING ALLBRITTON COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. I rise today to honor the Joe L. Allbritton family, the Allbritton Communications Company, and the Little Rock, Arkansas, ABC affiliate KATV for their generous contribution of an extensive video collection of historical events to the University of Arkansas.

Through a partnership formed between Allbritton Communications and KATV with the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History, KATV's video library, the largest in the State and one of the largest in the Nation, will be a treasure that all Americans can enjoy.

This Master Cassette Recording Library contains more than half a century of KATV news coverage, including more than 26,000 hours of Arkansas history collected over the past 50 years. The bulk of this video footage has never been made available to the public, and with the additional funds from this gift, the Pryor Center will be able to offer this footage online.

Arkansans and all Americans will be able to benefit from this great historical database that depicts the history of The Natural State.

#### CONGRESSIONAL "CREDIT CARD" REFORM

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, the Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee announced their intention to finance a Washington takeover of health care by raising taxes. For those of you keeping score, the Democrats' economic plan has been to spend billions of new dollars on programs that generated no economic activity in a stimulus package, increase regular appropriations spending at a rate that is sure to increase inflation, implement a national